

The 420-450 MHz band is heavily utilized by Amateur Radio Service stations operating as RACES for the County of Santa Clara and its fifteen cities. Any negative impact, such as may well occur from the proposed NPRM to add Part 15 operations to this band, will be detrimental to auxiliary communications on which our local governments rely in times of disaster. On behalf of the Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Services and the cities and special districts in the Santa Clara Operational Area, I strongly urge the Commission to deny the subject petition. Thank you.